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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR:**

I telephoned Jim Derieux at COLLIER'S and told him that you knew absolutely nothing about any CIA effort to kill the Belgian Congo (Inga) story, and that we would appreciate his giving us the name of the CIA employee who asked Ken McArdle, their new editor, to kill the story. He said he would do this.

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Later this afternoon Mr. Derieux telephoned to say that the report had been greatly exaggerated, that he (Derieux) and the author (John Newhouse) had heard through the grapevine that the CIA was trying to kill the story and that a CIA representative had gone to Mr. McArdle's home to protest the publication of the story. This had, of course, greatly excited Mr. Derieux and Mr. Newhouse, who have been very staunch friends of the Agency.

Mr. Derieux said he telephoned to Mr. McArdle and McArdle asked him to tell you that the report was exaggerated, that he (McArdle) had met in a friendly way a CIA employee and that they had casually discussed the story, and that no effort had been made by the CIA or its employee to kill the story or to impede any effort of COLLIER'S to get photographic and complete coverage. I told Mr. Derieux that I would pass that on and we would consider the matter closed, and we were delighted that the Washington office is no longer piqued at CIA.

Mr. McArdle refrained from identifying the CIA employee.

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